

This comment is in reference to 20-30 and the extension of USF levies onto Wireless Internet Access Providers.

It makes no sense to tax the very service providers that are, via the private sector, proliferating advanced communications technology to rural America as we speak. The American public has been forking over the USF fees for decades, only to be let down by the very stewards (The ILECs) that are supposed to oversee and implement the use of these collected fees for the benefit of rural America. Where have these guys (the ILECs) been for the past decade???

As if that's not bad enough, there's not even an assurance that these funds will be allocated evenly between "all" the communications providers. It seems that the funds will end up in the hands of the ILECs, who will use the money to compete and eliminate these pioneering telecommunications providers.

What's even worse than that... is the ridiculous notion to base fees on bandwidth amounts! Are we trying to "dumb-down" America? If anything, the taxes should be LESS for more bandwidth, thereby REWARDING innovation and ingenuity instead of punishing it!